

27 INJURED IN ATTEMPT TO STORM JAIL

YOUTH REVEALS
PLOT TO KILL
MRS. STILLMAN

Harris Tells Kansas City Police that "Fifi" Was "Marked for Death."

REPORT REPUDIATION

Officials Will Probe Alleged Conspiracy Despite Lad's Declaration.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 19.—This morning, Sam Harris, a youth of 20, signed a sworn confession that he had been employed to assassinate Mrs. Fifi Stillman.

Tonight, after his arrest, the police report that he has repudiated his confession and declared that he had concocted the story for the sole purpose of getting transportation back to New York.

His amazing story, printed under a copyright in the Kansas City Post, contained so many details that have been verified that the authorities are not satisfied with the repudiation of his first confession and will trace down every substantiating point which he gave in his first detailed story.

Mrs. Stillman III.

According to dispatches received from Chicago, Mrs. Stillman is reported to be in a serious condition at the country home of Harold F. McCormick. Her condition was such that those close to her refused to give her news of the alleged plot against her life, revealed here.

The newspaper said that Mrs. Stillman is highly nervous, bordering upon prostration, as a result of the severe strain she has passed through during the last few months.

Harris, according to the story, was approached at the Mills hotel, seventh av. and thirty-sixth st., by a Pole named Henry McCloskey who told him of the murder plot. He also met John Burke, laborer, and an Italian taxi driver named Tony Seracino, who were also in the plot.

A rich guy living at the Claridge hotel, named "Huntley Clay" wants Mrs. Stillman "bumped," Harris says Henry, the Pole told him.

The price for the killing was to be \$25,000 and Harris says he received \$500 on account. According to the instructions the men were to travel along the Pelham road, Mrs. Stillman was to be shot while in her machine, according to the story.

While waiting for an opportune time to carry out the plan, however, Harris declared McCloskey robbed an apartment on Park av. and was chased by detectives. The gang decided to "beat it." Harris and McCloskey bought tickets to Philadelphia.

On Aug. 2, three or four days later, they left for Chicago. (Continued on page two)

SHERIFF ASKS AID
OF STATE TROOPS

Fear Organized Party of Negroes Will Attempt to Rescue Prisoners.

By Associated Press: BARNSTABLE, Mass., Aug. 19.—Sheriff Ira L. Rosenthal late Friday night asked for state troops to help guard the county jail here, where three negroes are held on charges of highway robbery and assault upon a young white woman. He had received a report that a party of negroes was being organized at Onset to come here and try to free the prisoners.

The request for troops was received at the summer camp of the second field artillery, Massachusetts national guard at West Barnstable, and efforts were immediately made to obtain the approval of Brig. Gen. Sherburne.

The prisoners, John Dies, Benjamin Gomez and Joseph Andrews, were in separate parts of the jail Friday night. Fifteen men were on guard to assist the sheriff as a precaution against a possible renewal of the attack made on the jail early Friday by a mob which threatened to lynch the negroes. Late Friday night there were few persons in the vicinity of the building.

At midnight 40 artillerymen arrived from the national guard camp at West Barnstable and were drawn up about the jail. Four machine guns were set up.

The sheriff, just after their arrival received word from a county commissioner at Onset that two automobile loads of negroes were touring the negro district in that village in an effort to gain recruits for a dash to the Barnstable jail.

"Where Do I Come In?"

Coming in first generally thought of yourself last. Read today's SUCCESS-POWER on the classified page.

Girls Like 'This' Wouldn't Remain Single Very Long

By United Press: WICHITA, Kan., Aug. 19.—Girls, if you would dress economically, read this page from the police blotter of Wichita:

Ermine Jeffrey was arrested garbed in feminine garments and booked on a vagrancy charge.

Jeffrey, police said, valued his clothes as follows: One gown, \$1; long hose, 15 cents; wig, \$1; corset, 50 cents; lingerie, 35 cents and a powder puff, 10 cents.

"I only wear these things in my room," he said. "When I go out I dress in men's clothing."

He attributed his hobby to his mother's pre-natal wish that he be a girl.

Police released him.

SAFETY BOARD TO INCREASE BUDGET FOR '22 BY \$54,830

Expense of Department Next Year to Total \$414,830, Members Say.

An increase of \$54,830 over the 1921 board of public safety budget was approved by the board members Friday night when they decided that a total of \$414,830 would be needed to meet the department's expenses during the year 1922. The budget this year amounted to \$359,999. The proposed budget will be now be submitted to City Controller John W. Swaygar and Mayor Franklin R. Carson. Provided it is not rejected, the city will have the budget will then be presented to the city council.

The board members pointed out that the reasons for the unusual increase in the proposed budget for next year was that Fire Chief Sibbel had impressed upon the board the necessity of purchasing a new pumper and hose wagon combined for the fire department. This combination pumper and wagon will cost \$11,500.

Thomas Reining, who has charge of police and fire department telephone systems for the police and fire department. He explained that the system now in use by the two departments was installed in 1920, and that the rate for the cost of \$8,000. He stressed the fact that the present system is not giving the results it should, and that it costs a numerous amount annually to keep it in proper working condition.

Members also requested the board to make a \$3,000 appropriation for underground work in the new additions to the city. Police and fire alarm boxes must be installed in these new additions and he declared it would make all of \$3,000 to make the improvements.

The following items were included in the budget: Police pay roll appropriation, \$169,870; police miscellaneous fund, \$8,875.75; salaries of safety board clerk, city sealer, and surgeon, \$13,840; fire department miscellaneous fund, \$14,315; one pumper and hose wagon combined \$11,500; electrical department pay roll \$2,870; electrical department miscellaneous fund, \$2,360; operating board and cost of this board, \$8,000; underground electrical extension system, \$3,000; weights and measures, \$650; the total appropriation being \$414,830.

"GOOD KILLERS" SAID TO BE AGAIN AT WORK

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—The body of an Italian found murdered and wrapped in a sheet on the outskirts of Newark, may furnish the police with their latest clue in the pursuit of the "good killers" in the "murder syndicate," it was believed Friday.

James Morabelli, the dead man, may have been a member of the "good killers," say the police, or his confessed murderer, John Tricola, may be one of the band. Tricola, known as the "killer Morabelli," because the latter was blackmailing his wife, but detectives believe that finger prints of the dead man, or testimony of his murderer, will connect one or both with the "Bon-ventre" gang, which is held responsible for 166 murders throughout the United States.

Police officials from Detroit and from Pittsburgh were expected here to question Bartolo Fontano, whose sensational confession first put the police of the country on the trail of the "murder syndicate."

DIVER DISCOVERS THREE BODIES IN QUARRY POOL

SUMMIT, Ill., Aug. 19.—Bodies of three persons are imprisoned in a quarry pool at the bottom of an eighty-foot quarry pool, Jack Blair, diver, said Friday.

Blair is "exhuming" autos from the "auto grave," where they were abandoned by persons who wished to collect insurance on their cars, and by thieves.

Blair, when he came up from the bottom of the pool Friday, said he saw the three bodies. On a second trip he could not locate the couple, but planned further efforts under instruction of police.

Nearly a hundred autos were in the abandoned pool.

LABOR BOARD GRANTS APPEAL OF EXECUTIVES

Majority Opinion Declares Overtime Rates Should Be Decreased.

OPINION IS DIVIDED

Wharton Says Ruling Will Reduce Pay of Road Employees \$15 a Month.

By Associated Press: CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—Expressing a divided opinion for the first time since its formation a year ago, the United States Railroad Labor Board, in a majority opinion, declared the overtime rates of certain classes of shop class labor should be decreased, while the labor member, dissenting, declared that the majority opinion "does not appear either just or reasonable."

The roads appealed for modification of the national agreement rules, entered into during war time railroad administration, and the majority modified certain ones.

Six Modifications.

Among the changes the majority ruled that:

Employees regularly called for Sunday and holiday work and performing tasks absolutely necessary for the continuous operation of the roads shall not receive time and a half, but only pay on the same basis as for workdays. No work not absolutely necessary is to be permitted on Sunday.

Employees at the completion of eight hours work may be required to work two hours over time before being released for meals, instead of one hour, as now provided.

Employees called for work and not working, or called for work and working two hours and forty minutes or less will be paid for four hours overtime instead of five hours, as under existing rules.

Employees called for one hour or less before their regular time will be paid time and one-half for the overtime, instead of the present five hours allowance.

Men called away from home will not be allowed overtime for hours spent sleeping, provided they receive at least five hours relief out of every 24.

Employees regularly assigned to perform road work, and paid on a monthly basis will compute their salaries on the basis of 243 hours a month, instead of the present basis, with no overtime allowed for four hours worked in excess of eight per day and no time deducted for less than eight hours work, unless the employee has left of his own accord.

Takes Exception.

It was this last rule to which L. M. Wharton, the dissenting member, took particular exception in his minority report. He presented figures to show that it would reduce road employees' pay \$15 a month and that they would have to work 243 hours a month to get the same \$22.50 that they were getting \$189 a month, Mr. Wharton said. On April 30, 1920, the board raised them to \$225.50, and on June 30 of this year reduced them to \$235.00. Friday's decision, he said, means a further reduction to \$187.

Mr. Wharton contended the national agreement rules were fair and just and should not at this time be changed. They embody, he said, rules made and used by strikers and employees over a period of 20 years. To upset 20-year-old working agreements at this time is not just to the men, he contended.

FORMER REVERE MOTOR COMPANY HEAD HELD FOR GRAND LARCENY

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Aug. 19.—Newton Van Sandt, former president of the Revere Motor Car corporation, of Logansport, was arrested Friday night in Philadelphia, according to a message received here, on a warrant issued in Logansport. The warrant was on an affidavit filed by J. B. Porter, broker, Buffalo, N. Y., charging larceny in connection with the sale of stock of the Revere company. Porter also filed a civil action against Van Sandt and the receiver of the motor company. Van Sandt is now manager of the Richlieu Auto company, at Trenton, N. J.

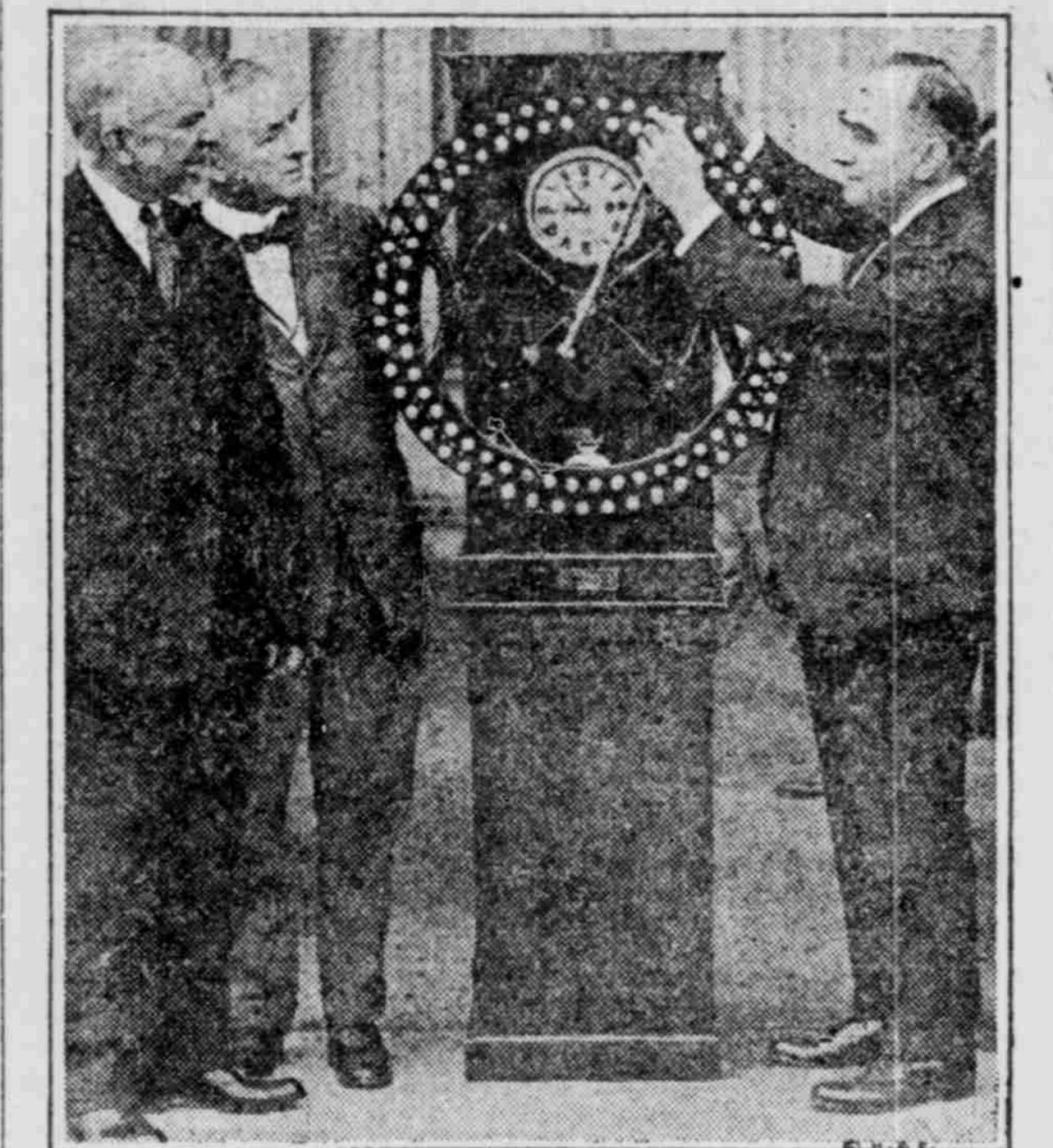
BOMBING TESTS SHOW SUPREMACY OF SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Results of bombing tests held off the Virginia Capes from June 21 to July 21, have failed to displace the battleship from its pre-eminent position as the nation's chief defense asset.

This was the outstanding conclusion of the report of the joint board of the army and navy, made public Friday by Gen. Pershing, the senior member, and approved by Sec'y of War Weeks, and Acting Sec'y of the Navy, Roosevelt.

The tests, which resulted in the sinking of four ex-German warships by aerial bombs, proved, however, the board added, that it has become imperative as a matter of national defense to provide for the maximum possible development of aviation in both the army and navy.

Punch the Clock, Mr. Congressman



Representative Kissel of New York is pushing his bill to have congressmen paid on an attendance basis. He would have a time clock with a card for each member of congress installed at the capitol. Here he is, on the right, demonstrating such a clock to other congressmen.

MINOR CHANGES ARE OBENCHAIN BLOCKS MADE IN TAX DRAFT JURY ARRAIGNMENT

More Than 50 Amendments Accepted—Fordney and Byrnes Again Clash.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—More than half a hundred amendments to the republican tax bill, most of them of minor importance, were accepted Friday by the house in a five hour session marked by occasional clashes between the majority and minority and a renewal of the personal controversy between Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee, and Rep. Byrnes, democrat, South Carolina.

A number of other changes in the bill, including eliminations of the provisions for the five per cent tax on the manufacturer of proprietary medicines, tooth powder and paste and mouth washes, and a reduction in the tax on cereal beverages from six to four cent a gallon, are expected to be proposed Saturday by the ways and means committee before the measure is passed late in the day.

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GRAIN DEALERS TRY TO CHANGE FREIGHT RATES

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 19.—Indianapolis grain dealers will turn their efforts toward obtaining revisions in freight rates for domestic shipping in the central territory now that the railroads have agreed to a reduction on export freight rates has been authorized by the interstate commerce commission, according to Leonard E. Banta, traffic manager for the Indianapolis board of trade.

The 7-1-2 cents reduction on each bushel of grain, which is a decline in the price of grain, in the opinion of Mr. Banta, who said that, although the bulk of the wheat crop has already been disposed of, the reduction will aid farmers in their shipments of corn and the remainder of wheat and oats crops.

SHERIFF CONFISCATES MUCH LIQUOR IN RAID

MUNCIE, Ind., Aug. 19.—As the result of a raid made Friday afternoon by Sheriff Hiatt and deputies on the home of Robert Morgan in Smithfield, a small village southeast of here, Mrs. Morgan is held in the county jail on a charge of violating the liquor law, and Sheriff Hiatt has evidence that may lead to the apprehension of an organized moonshine ring which has gained a monopoly on the illicit whiskey business in Muncie and surrounding towns.

The raiding officers confiscated a 25-gallon still of rye mash, one gallon of whiskey and the most complete set of delicate testing instruments found in Delaware county in months. A pit measuring three by four feet was found in the back yard and contained approximately 60 gallons of mash.

The woman told the police that three "highwaymen" had held her captive for several minutes early Tuesday morning while they ransacked the house. Sheriff Hiatt believes the midnight marauders were members of the ring seeking revenge after having been "double-crossed" in a whiskey deal.

SLAYER OF KIDNAPED CHILD IS SENTENCED

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—Roberto Raffaele of Union Hill, N. J., was convicted by a jury Friday night for the murder of five-year-old Giuseppe Verotta, who was kidnapped May 24 and was drowned by his captors in the Hudson river.

It was said to be the first case on record here where kidnappers carried out their threat.

ARMY OFFICER DIES

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 19.—Major Gen. Henry A. Greene, U. S. A., retired, dropped dead in the Alameda county court house here Friday, where he had been called for special jury duty.

OFFICERS FIRE AS MOB SEEKS TO TAKE NEGRO

Shooting Becomes General After School Teacher Identifies Assailant.

SEVERAL WOMEN HURT

Hundreds Gather Around County Jail — Deputies Drive Crows Away.

By Associated Press: KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 19.—Twenty-seven persons were hurt, two seriously, Friday night when deputies guarding the Knox county jail fired on a crowd which had crossed a dead line, with the purpose of demanding Frank Martin, a negro, held as a suspect in a criminal assault upon a county school teacher.

All of the wounded are white. Two are women. Deputy Sheriff Charles Lewis was wounded in the arm by return fire from the crowd.

Although the machine gun company of the 17th infantry Tennessee National guard, was on duty at the jail the soldiers did not open fire.

Turned Back By Police.

Following reports that the school teacher had identified Martin as her assailant, crowds gathered in the Friday night to be virtually agreed on contested points in the anti-beer bill and hopeful of final enactment of the measure prior to the recess set for next Wednesday.

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OFFICERS OVERPOWER FEDERAL PRISONERS

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 19.—A near riot was threatened in the Marion county jail here Friday when six federal prisoners defied jailers when they were being moved to more secure headquarters. The six prisoners occupied cells in a part of the jail in which knives and a file were found Thursday. The men defied the jailers and were not overpowered until police reinforcements arrived.

GLASS WORKER HELD FOR HIGHWAY ROBBERY

MARION, Ind., Aug. 19.—William McCart, glass worker, 40 years old, living in Marion, was arrested Friday night by the police charged with highway robbery. Police claim he is the man who robbed J. H. Carey, Chesapeake and Ohio agent, at Muncie Wednesday night of a watch and \$7 cents, and also forced Eugene Dick of that city to drive him to Jonesboro, where he robbed him of \$1.75. McCart resisted arrest. When the officers approached him, in front of a local livery barn, he darted down an alley and was caught in an outbuilding. On his way to jail, McCart showed fight and the officers were compelled to use force to get him in jail. He denied that he is the man wanted. The Muncie police have been notified of McCart's arrest and are expected to come after him early Saturday.

BREWERIES CLAMOR FOR MEDICAL BEER PERMITS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The desk of Federal Prohibition Commissioner Haynes Friday was flooded with informal applications from scores of brewers for permits to manufacture beer for use as medicine.

Meanwhile the house and senate conferees were deadlocked on the anti-medical beer bill without sign of any quick getting together.

The industry conferees insist on the Stanley amendment to the anti-beer bill penalizing prohibition officers who search private dwellings without warrant, while the house conferees were determined to modify it.

Suggest New Gown That Will Answer Most Any Purpose

By United Press: SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Aug. 19.—This, ladies and gentlemen, will introduce the "chameleon gown."

It changes not only its colors, but it's a five in one gown—an afternoon gown, an evening gown, a street dress and two variations of long and short sleeves.

While its name is sufficiently repellant to suit the most aggressive vampire of Hollywood, it commends itself to the ultra conservative, for this is the big secret—it is sponsored by the Women's Christian Temperance Union, now holding its national convention here. The gown will be displayed here Saturday afternoon at a fashion show at which there will not be a dimpled knee, a silk encased calf, a snow white neck, a rouged cheek—not even a French heel in evidence.

The health section of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will inspect the gown, which is brought here by Mrs. Ella A. Boole of Brooklyn, N. Y.

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LLOYD GEORGE NOT TO ALTER PEACE OFFER

British Premier Declares Rejection Would Be Challenge to Crown.

DAIL EIREANN MEETS

Irish Parliament to Continue Work Today—Griffith Remains Silent.

By Associated Press: LONDON, Aug. 19.—The outline of the British peace offer cannot be altered nor the basis of them changed, said David Lloyd-George, the British prime minister, in an address Friday in the House of Commons on the Irish situation.

The premier was speaking just prior to the adjournment of the lower house of parliament until Oct. 18. It had been the purpose to prolong parliament for the summer, but the Irish question caused the premier to consider it advisable to permit the members to be called at short notice for any eventualities if the terms of the government either are accepted or rejected.

May Take Steps.

Mr. Lloyd-George said rejection would be an unmistakable challenge to the authority of the crown and to the unity of the empire "and no party in the state could possibly pass that over without notice." He declared that he was not using the language of menace, but that if final rejection came, "steps undoubtedly will have to be taken which the executive ought not and will not wish to take without first consulting parliament and giving it full opportunity of expressing its approval of any steps we might propose to take."

Simultaneously, in the house of lords, Foreign Secy Curzon made a similar statement. It might be, he declared, that circumstances would compel a resumption of hostilities in Ireland, but Great Britain would not be the one to commence it. He added that the issue was trembling in the balance, and that if any challenge was given the government would accept it and not quail before its difficulties.

It was considered that the premier's language again had been carefully chosen with the evident desire not to give offense or to say anything that likely would hinder the smooth course of the negotiations. In his address, Mr. Lloyd-George said he was highly pleased to be able to say that the whole world approved of the government's proposals.

In accordance with the custom which has been observed in parliament during the Irish negotiations, the member refrained from developing the premier Friday, the desire (Continued on page two)

HIGHTOWER GIVEN INITIAL HEARING

Baker Held to Answer Before Superior Court on Murder Charge.

By Associated Press: SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—After a preliminary hearing Friday, William A. Hightower, itinerant baker, was held to answer before the superior court of San Mateo county on a charge that he had murdered Rev. Father Heslin, Santa Monica priest. Hightower was not represented by an attorney and offered no evidence in his own behalf. He displayed a defiant attitude and asked many questions of witnesses.

The hearing, which was without previous announcement, was held at San Bruno, before Justice of Peace Ellison Johnson, in whose district the priest's body was found.

The prisoner expressed confidence Friday.

"I will fight them all the way through and I will win," he said. Marie Wendel, the priest's housekeeper, Charles LaFebre, garage owner, Doris Shirley, Hightower's former companion, and Les Putnam, whom she married Saturday, Capt. Duncan Matheson of the San Francisco police department and Constable S. A. Landini of Colma testified at the hearing.

In testifying about events of the night when Hightower led officers and newspaper men to the priest's grave, Landini emphasized that Hightower seemed strangely familiar with the road.

Hightower interrupted him after asking permission of the court to speak.

"Aren't you giving the wrong impression?" he asked. "I don't mean intentionally," he added, "but I think you are coloring it a little bit unconsciously."

"Maybe so," said Landini. "That's all," Hightower said.

Doris Shirley denied once more that she had ever been to Salada beach with Hightower in an automobile.

"Don't you remember the trouble we had with the Ford when we went to Salada beach?" inquired Hightower.

"No, I do not."

"Your memory is awfully short, little girl," said Hightower sadly.